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MEMORANDUM FOR: Project Security Officer

SUBJECT : Brigadier General William M. Thames, Jr.

1. General O'Connell, Chief of Signal Corps, has recommended to General Schow that General Thames, Commanding General of US Army Combat Surveillance Agency, who is located in the Pentagon, should be apprised of the collection capabilities of AQUATONE and the exploitation capabilities as evidenced in HTAUTOMAT. The reason for this is that General Thames is responsible for development of techniques for the acquisition of information on targets for engagement by Army GM.

2. To accomplish the objective here, it is not necessary for General Thames to see TALENT materials. Therefore, a TALENT clearance is not in order. However, he would need to see the product acquired in the course of ZI training efforts and gain a comprehension of the equipment utilized which would at a minimum require knowledge of approximate altitude. He would likewise be interested in R&D on hand or in the works for exploitation of materials thus acquired.

3. It seems to me that to satisfy this need an AQUATONE clearance is required. Accordingly, I recommend that you grant such with the explicit understanding that no information on the platform other than that indicated nor operational details be provided.

Name: Brigadier General William M. Thames, Jr.
O-29846

Date of Birth: 18 October 1907

Place of Birth: Roanoke, Virginia

TS granted 28 May 1957 by the Office of the Chief Signal

Officer based on BI completed 2 August 1956 by 6th Army

Crypto granted 15 October 1954 by Office of the Chief Signal
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SI granted 13 March 1956.

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4. In the event that in your opinion no AQUATONE clearance is required but that this can be accomplished through TOP SECRET, this would be entirely satisfactory, I am sure, to General Schow.

5. Recommendation: I recommend that you approve an AQUATONE clearance for General Thames and that as soon as feasible you be in touch with Colonel William A. Dodds, OACSI (11/74700 or 11/55056).

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